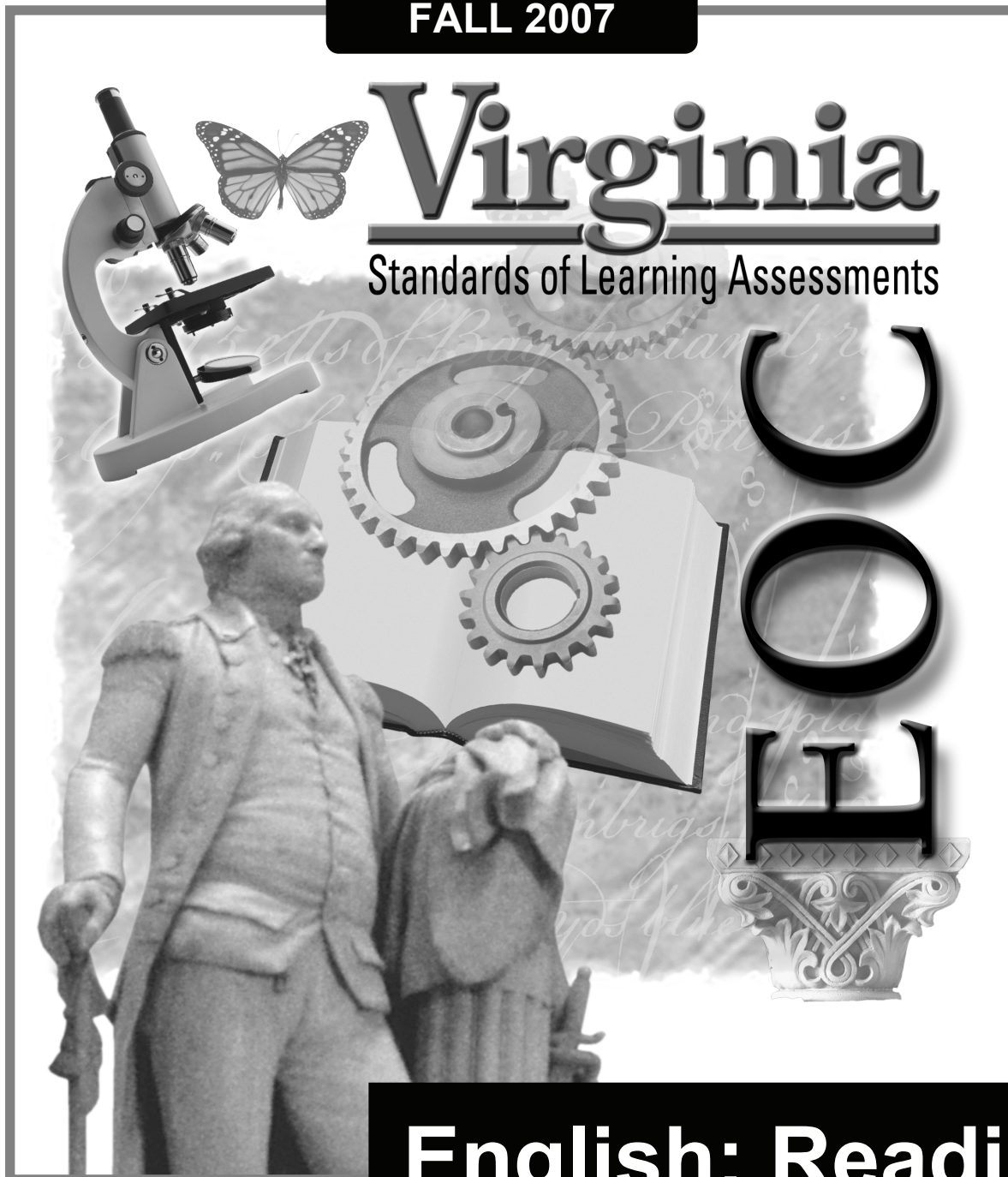


EXAMINER'S MANUAL
REGULAR AND SPECIAL FORMS

FALL 2007



English: Reading

Multiple-Choice Tests

Test security guidelines restrict persons who have not signed the *Test Security Agreement* from reading the actual test questions.

NEW FOR FALL 2007

Carefully review this *Examiner's Manual* prior to the administration of the Fall 2007 Standards of Learning (SOL) End-of-Course (EOC) English: Reading Assessment. Please pay attention to the following:

Manual Format

Changes in this manual have been made as follows:

- Information regarding special accommodations is now located in Appendix C.
- In Section 6, Specific Duties of Examiners: After Testing, directions for completing the answer document's Field H, Testing Status, Field I, Special Test Accommodations, and the directions for completing the Header Sheet and Paper Band have been removed. These directions are located in the *Test Implementation Manual* for STCs and DDOTs.

The STC may continue to designate an Examiner or another adult to complete Fields H and I on the answer documents, and complete the Header Sheet and Paper Band for the bundles of answer documents. If so, the STC will provide appropriate instructions.

Answer Document

- Make certain that the only answer documents distributed to students indicate 2007–2008 (located top center) and they have the correct test name (top right corner) for the appropriate test administration (Appendix B).
- Field I, Special Test Accommodations, Codes 2, 3, 7, and 20 are now available for all students:
Code 2 – Group size
Code 3 – Environmental modifications (e.g., special lighting, noise buffers, use of study carrel)
Code 7 – Assistance with directions for mechanics of the test (i.e., simplifying or clarifying Directions)
Code 20 – Large-diameter pencil, special pencil, pencil grip
These codes have been removed from the answer documents. Refer to Appendix D for an updated list of Special Test Accommodation Codes.

If you have questions after reviewing this manual, contact your School Test Coordinator (STC).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR FALL 2007

Term Graduates

- Students scheduled to graduate by the end of the fall semester are considered to be Term Graduates. For Fall 2007, Term Graduates will take the same multiple-choice test forms as the End-of-Course (EOC) testers.

EOC English: Reading Tests

- For the Fall 2007 Administration, EOC *English: Reading* tests that measure the 2002 *English Standards* will have only one sample item and 60 test items. EOC *English: Reading* tests that measure the 1995 *English Standards* will continue to have two sample items and 52 test items. Follow specific directions for administering each of these tests carefully and instruct students appropriately for marking the answer documents. (Section 5.3)
- Students who have passed the coursework for the English SOL for grades 9-11 previously but failed the test prior to Fall 2005 are eligible to retake the test for verified credit. However, the test forms that measure the 1995 *English Standards* should be administered. These test booklets are packaged separately and are identified on the *Assembly ID Sheet*.
- Some test forms will have question(s) that do not refer to a “passage.” A reminder note for Examiners to read to students before testing begins has been included in the directions. Additionally, this note may be written on the classroom’s dry-erase board or chalkboard (Section 5.3.1).

Verification of Secure Testing Materials

- Examiners will receive the multiple-choice test booklets packaged with an *Assembly ID Sheet* (Appendix E). The *Assembly ID Sheet* is used by the Examiner to verify the number of test booklets inside each package before distributing secure materials to the students during the test administration.
- Before testing, Examiners must verify the name of the subject area test on the front cover of the test booklets (lower right corner) to ensure that students are administered the correct test. Also, verify that the subject area test name on the answer document is the same as on the test booklet.

If you have questions, contact your School Test Coordinator (STC).

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Activities Before Test Administration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Carefully read this <i>Examiner's Manual</i> as well as any local directions you have been given. Resolve any questions you might have with your STC.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Read the <i>Test Security Guidelines</i> and sign the <i>School Division Personnel Test Security Agreement (Including Examiners/Proctors)</i> (Section 4.2 and Appendix A).
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Make necessary announcements about testing to students (Section 4.3).
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Establish an appropriate setting for test administration (Section 4.4).
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Determine the need for Proctors (Section 4.5).
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Understand your division's procedure for completing the student identification information on the answer documents (Section 4.6).
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Assemble all materials needed for test administration (Section 4.7).
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Plan for an alternate test site for students who may not finish their test by the end of the allotted test administration time (Section 4.8).
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. If you are administering tests to students who require special accommodations, become familiar with the accommodations specified in their IEPs, 504 management plans, or <i>LEP Student Assessment Participation Plans</i> . Coordinate with your STC how accommodations will be provided (Appendix C).
<p>CAUTION: Before you begin testing, verify that you have the new 2007–2008 answer documents for the EOC <i>English: Reading</i> test. Using the wrong answer documents will result in inaccurate scores and delay delivery of test results.</p>	
Activities During Test Administration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Verify that the identifying information for each student's answer document is correctly completed (Section 5.1).
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. On each day that a test session is conducted, check out secure test materials and answer documents from your STC (Section 5.2.1).
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Activities After Test Administration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Inspect students' answer documents for completeness, test form number, damage, incomplete erasures, stray marks, etc., as described in Section 6.1.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Organize answer documents for return to the STC (Section 6.2.2).
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Return ALL test materials to your STC (Section 6.3).
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Read and sign the <i>Examiner's/Proctor's Test Booklet Transmittal Form/Affidavit</i> and the <i>Classroom Transmittal Document for Special Test Forms Kits</i> if used by your STC (Section 6.4).

1. USE OF THIS MANUAL FOR THE FALL 2007 ADMINISTRATION OF STANDARDS OF LEARNING (SOL) EOC *ENGLISH: READING* TEST

This *Examiner's Manual* describes procedures that apply to the administration of the End-of-Course (EOC) *English: Reading* SOL Assessment for Regular Test Forms and Special Test Forms (Braille, large-print, and audiotape versions). All Test Examiners should follow the information in this manual before, during, and after the administration of the EOC *English: Reading* SOL Assessment. This manual provides the following information:

- test administration schedule
- school division responsibilities for SOL testing
- your duties before, during, and after the testing session
- specific instructions for administration of the EOC *English: Reading* multiple-choice test

2. TEST ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE

Each school division is to administer the SOL EOC *English: Reading* test within its own established “testing window.” The Division Director of Testing (DDOT) will work with the School Test Coordinators (STCs) to establish dates and times for each school. The STC will advise you of your school’s test dates and times.

Each school’s test schedule must allow opportunities for make-up sessions to be held prior to the end of the division’s testing window. Make sure that each student who is absent from the administration of a test is given ample opportunity to take the missed test on a make-up basis. The STC will provide you with more information about how your school will handle make-up testing. Also, see Section 7 in this manual.

3. SCHOOL DIVISION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SOL TESTING

Many school division personnel are responsible for the administration of the SOL EOC *English: Reading* test. These include:

- Division Director of Testing (DDOT)
- School Test Coordinator (STC)
- Test Examiner (Examiner)

A brief explanation of the roles and responsibilities of each of these persons follows.

Division Director of Testing

Each division has designated a Division Director of Testing (DDOT). The DDOT serves as the point of contact between the school division and the Virginia Department of Education and Pearson. The DDOT has divisionwide responsibility for implementation of SOL test procedures.

School Test Coordinator

The School Test Coordinator (STC) is the person designated within each school to serve as the point of contact between the DDOT and the school. The STC is also responsible for ensuring that all procedures required for the SOL tests are implemented within the school and for maintaining the security of test materials. Any questions the STC has regarding the SOL tests are to be directed to the DDOT.

Test Examiner

As a Test Examiner (Examiner), you are responsible for administering the SOL tests according to the procedures contained in this manual and for maintaining the security of SOL test materials. The remaining sections of this manual contain more specific information about your duties as an SOL Examiner. Any questions the Examiner has regarding the SOL tests are to be directed to the STC.

4. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF EXAMINERS: BEFORE TESTING

4.1 Read All Materials

Carefully read this *Examiner's Manual*, your students' Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), 504 management plans, *Limited English Proficient (LEP) Student Assessment Participation Plans* (if applicable), and any local directions you may have been given by your STC.

Students who have passed the coursework that covers the *English SOL* for grades 9, 10, and 11 but failed the test prior to fall 2005 are eligible to retake the test for verified credit. However, the test forms that measure the 1995 EOC *English: Reading* Standards of Learning must be administered. These test booklets are packaged separately and are identified on the *Assembly ID Sheet*. See Appendix E for an example. The same answer documents will be used for the administrations of test forms measuring the 1995 EOC *English: Reading* standards and the 2002 EOC *English: Reading* standards.

Resolve any questions you might have with your STC well in advance of test administration.

4.2 Sign the School Division Personnel Test Security Agreement (Including Examiners/Proctors)

Before you may administer any of the Fall 2007 SOL *Non-Writing* tests, you must read the *Test Security Guidelines* and then read and sign the *School Division Personnel Test Security Agreement (Including Examiners/Proctors)* (Appendix A). **Note the Virginia General Assembly legislation regarding test security.** You may sign the original page or a photocopy of the test security agreement. When you sign this document, you are agreeing to exercise necessary precautions and to follow established procedures that will help ensure the security of the content of all test materials. **You must complete this agreement and forward it to your STC before receiving any test materials.**

4.3 Inform Students of Testing

Make any necessary announcements about testing. Announcements may include reminders for students to bring sharpened No. 2 pencils to the testing session and something to read if they finish early. Prepare students for testing by explaining that the results of this test will help determine their level of proficiency in *English: Reading*.

4.3.1 Identify Term Graduates

Term Graduates are students who are scheduled to graduate by the end of the fall semester. For fall 2007, Term Graduates will take the same multiple-choice test forms that are administered to other EOC testers.

4.4 Establish the Test Setting

In conjunction with your STC, arrange for appropriate physical conditions for testing. In arranging an appropriate test setting, be sure to consider any accommodations that are specified in students' IEPs, 504 management plans, or *LEP Student Assessment Participation Plans*. Testing rooms should be quiet, well lighted, and well ventilated. Each student should have enough work surface for an open test booklet and answer document, and any materials or supplies required for accommodations. Crowding should be minimized and the seating arranged to discourage students from copying one another's work.

Before testing, remove from the testing site or cover-up all curricular materials that might influence student performance. These materials include charts, dry-erase board displays, chalkboard displays, and bulletin board displays of materials related to test content.

You may find it helpful to place a "TESTING: DO NOT DISTURB" sign on the door.

4.5 Determine the Need for Proctors and Arrange for Assistance

Testing students in large groups is **not** recommended. Testing in smaller groups lessens test fear and anxiety for the student and facilitates your ability to monitor and control the testing session. However, if it is necessary to test a large group of students, discuss with your STC the addition of Proctors to the testing session.

It is best that you supervise the testing of no more than 25–30 students on your own. If your group is larger, try to arrange with your STC to have at least one Proctor with you at the testing site. It is recommended to have one Proctor present for every 25–30 **additional** students.

Regardless of the size of your group, if you are the only adult supervising the testing session, arrange with your STC to have another adult within calling distance so that an emergency, such as a student becoming ill, may be handled with a minimum of disruption.

Proctors should receive the same training as Examiners and must sign the *School Division Personnel Test Security Agreement (Including Examiners/Proctors)* as noted in Section 4.2. The use of non-school personnel as Proctors should be approached with caution.

4.6 Understand Your Division's Procedure for Completing the Student Identification Information on the Answer Documents

Identification information for each student must be included on the answer document either through a Pre-ID label or by coding the information on the answer document.

A sample of the new answer document with a Pre-ID label is in Appendix B. Refer to Section 5.1, which contain details on how to complete the demographic information. If it is not clear how to complete the demographic information on the answer document, be sure to ask your STC for directions well in advance of the test administration dates.

4.6.1 Using Pre-ID labels on the demographic page

Your STC will provide you with Pre-ID labels for most of your students and instructions on how to use the labels.

Only use Pre-ID labels that have been generated for the Fall 2007 *Non-Writing Administration*. Pre-ID labels from previous administrations must not be used. The sample demographic page in Appendix B shows proper placement of the Pre-ID label.

4.7 Assemble the Materials Needed for Testing

Make sure that an extra supply of scratch paper and sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with erasers is available for students to use during testing. Students **MUST** use only No. 2 pencils when completing the answer document. Mechanical pencils may be used as long as they contain No. 2 lead. See Table 1, Testing Materials for EOC *English: Reading Test*.

4.8 Plan for an Alternate Test Site

IMPORTANT: SOL assessments are untimed. Students who do not finish by the end of the allotted test administration time should be given as much time as they need to complete the test. Students are **not** allowed, however, to complete the test after leaving, voluntarily or not, for any activity such as lunch or other breaks that allow interaction with other students or access to any educational materials. Students **must** complete the test in one school day.

Before the first day of testing, determine whether the testing site must be used for non-testing activities at the end of the allocated time. If so, be prepared to move students who have not completed the test to an alternate testing site. Should this become necessary, be sure to maintain the security of the test booklets, answer documents, and used scratch paper for those students yet to complete the test. Students should not be allowed to discuss the test in any way during this move.

5. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF EXAMINERS: DURING TESTING

This section includes directions for having students complete demographic information in Sections 1 and 2 of the answer document and specific directions for administering the SOL EOC *English: Reading* test.

- Directions for completing the student demographic sections are in Section 5.1.
- Directions for administering the SOL EOC *English: Reading* test are in Section 5.3.

Some of these directions include instructions that are to be read verbatim to students. These instructions are preceded by the word **“SAY”** and are in **bold type**. These directions must be read to the students slowly, clearly, and **exactly as written**. Other text is for your information and should not be read to students. It is essential that you become familiar with these instructions **before** test administration and that you follow them exactly as they appear.

5.1 Student Completion of Required Demographic Information

Be sure that all desks or tables are cleared of books and other materials not needed for the test. See that each student has two sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with erasers. It may be helpful to display samples of identification information on the classroom's dry-erase board or chalkboard.

NOTE

Your STC will provide a Pre-ID label for most students' answer documents; therefore, only Field A should be completed.

If students' answer documents are submitted WITHOUT a Pre-ID label, Fields A through E **MUST** be completed. A designated adult must complete Field E, State Testing Identifier, before the answer documents are submitted for scoring.

IF PRE-ID LABELS ARE USED, do not fill in any of the Fields B through E or Fields H and I.

The following directions will guide students in completing demographic information on their answer documents.

Before distributing the answer documents,

SAY I will give each of you an answer document. When you receive it, leave it on your desk. Do not write anything on it until I tell you what to do.

Distribute the answer documents with the Section 1 side facing up.

SAY We will complete some of the information on this page. In Field A, find the line labeled “Student Name.” Carefully print your last name, then your first name, and then your middle initial.

Give help as needed.

SAY Now, on the other lines, fill in the rest of the information requested—teacher, school, school division, gender, grade, and your date of birth. The test date will be completed later. Does anyone have a question?

NOTE: You may expand on this instruction to clarify the information students are to complete in Field A of the answer document.

Answer students' questions. Refer them to the dry-erase board or chalkboard if you have written identification information there. While students are completing the information, walk around the room to see that they are following instructions. Give help as needed.

When all students have completed Field A, IF PRE-ID LABELS WERE NOT USED,

SAY Do not fill in any boxes except the ones I tell you to fill in. Some of the boxes may be left blank.

For those of you that have an answer document **WITHOUT** a Pre-ID label (point), you will need to complete Fields B through D.

In Field B, find the box that contains areas labeled “Last Name” and “First Name.” In the area labeled “Last Name,” print your last name in the boxes at the top of each column. Begin in the left-hand column, and write only one letter in each box.

Give help as needed. When all students have finished,

SAY Now, in the area labeled “First Name,” print your first name in the boxes at the top of each column. Begin in the left-hand column, and write only one letter in each box.

Give help as needed. When all students have finished,

SAY Now, fill in the matching circle beneath each letter in your name. Be sure you fill in only one circle for each letter. Does anyone have a question?

Give help as needed. After students have finished,

SAY Now find Field C, which is labeled “Date of Birth.” In the area labeled “Month,” find the circle for the month of your birthday and fill it in.

After students have finished,

SAY The next area is labeled “Day.” In the boxes, fill in the date on which you were born, entering one number in each box. For example, if your birthday is between the 1st and the 9th of the month, you would write “0” in the first box and the correct number in the second box. Does anyone have a question?

Answer all questions. When everyone has finished,

SAY Now beneath each box, fill in the circle that has the same number that you wrote in the box.

After students have finished,

SAY The next area is labeled “Year.” Fill in the circle next to “19.” In the next boxes, write the last two digits of the year in which you were born. Then fill in the circles for these two digits.

Give help as needed.

SAY Now find Field D, which is labeled “Gender.” Fill in the circle next to “Female” if you are a female or the circle next to “Male” if you are a male.

Give help as needed.

SAY Now look at the back side of your answer document. (Demonstrate.) Find the top two boxes labeled “Last Name” and “First Name.” (Point.) Print your last name in the first box. Print your first name in the second box.

Give help as needed. After students have finished,

SAY Field F, Form, and Field G, Test Date, will be completed during the actual testing session. Do not fill in the fields that are labeled with the letters H or I. Do you have any questions?

Answer students’ questions.

Pre-administration coding of the demographic information is now complete.

NOTE: As directed by your STC, Field H, Testing Status, and Field I, Special Test Accommodations, will be completed after administration by you or another designated adult.

After students have completed the identifying information on their answer documents, administration of the SOL EOC *English: Reading* test can begin.

Specific directions for administering the EOC *English: Reading* test are in Section 5.3.

5.2 General Instructions for Administering the SOL EOC *English: Reading* Test

5.2.1 Preparation for administering the test

On the morning of testing, you will receive all materials needed to administer the SOL EOC *English: Reading* test. Your STC will provide you with test booklets and answer documents.

Your STC will ask you to initial an *Examiner's/Proctor's Test Booklet Transmittal Form/Affidavit* or a *Classroom Transmittal Document for Special Test Forms Kits* (Appendix E), verifying your receipt of the test materials. The purpose of these forms is to track the secure materials throughout the test administration period. Be sure to count the number of test booklets, Special Test Forms Kits, including individual audiotapes, if applicable, and Examiner's copies of the special test form you receive from the STC before you initial the form(s).

Make sure you have all the materials needed to administer the SOL EOC *English: Reading* test as detailed in Table 1. Depending on the type of forms you are administering (Regular or Special Test Forms, or both), your STC will provide you with the appropriate testing materials.

Table 1: Testing Materials for EOC *English: Reading Test*

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a copy of this manual • a supply of test booklets • the students' answer documents • a supply of sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with erasers • a supply of scratch paper
MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR EACH STUDENT TESTING WITH REGULAR TEST FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a test booklet • the student's answer document • two sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with erasers • scratch paper
MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR EACH STUDENT TESTING WITH SPECIAL TEST FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the student's answer document, • two sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with erasers, • scratch paper, and <p style="text-align: center;">BRAILLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braille test booklets (and accompanying audiotapes as needed to provide specified accommodations), • two sheets of Braille paper (for use by the student if needed), • an Examiner's copy of the Braille test in regular-print will be provided for your use during administration; or <p style="text-align: center;">LARGE-PRINT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large-print test booklets (and accompanying audiotapes as needed to provide specified accommodations), • an Examiner's copy of the test in large-print will be provided for your use during administration; or <p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR AUDIO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regular test booklet • accompanying audiotape

Just before you distribute test booklets to students for the **first** time, open each package and count the number of test booklets in each package. Each test booklet package's *Assembly ID Sheet* will show:

- for *Regular Test Forms*, at the top of the sheet, a barcode with a unique number, level, name of subject area test, year of standard ("95" or "02"), test form number, and quantity of test booklets contained in the package;
- for *Special Test Forms Kits*, at the top of the sheet, a barcode with a unique number, level, and name of subject area test;
- at the bottom of the sheet, package assembly information for tracking secure materials electronically by Pearson.

Indicate the number of test booklets contained in each package by checking off the applicable statement. Then sign and date the *Assembly ID Sheet*. A sample of the *Assembly ID Sheet* is in Appendix E.

To avoid interruptions during testing, make sure that all students have had an opportunity to visit the restroom and to get a drink of water before you begin the testing session. Students must not be denied the opportunity to visit the restroom during testing. However, such visits must be supervised and students provided no opportunity to interact with other students or access any educational materials.

Make sure that all desks are clear of books and other materials not needed for the test. See that each student has scratch paper and two sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with erasers.

Remember that the SOL tests are untimed and that students who have not finished by the end of the allotted time should be given as much time as they need to complete the test. Be prepared for the possibility of moving these students to an alternate testing site. Should this become necessary, be sure to maintain the security of the test booklets and answer documents for those students yet to complete the test. Students should not be allowed to discuss the test in any way during the move.

5.3 Directions for Administering the SOL EOC *English: Reading* Test

NOTE

Test booklet page numbers in this manual refer to Regular Test Forms only. If you are administering Special Test Forms, determine the correct test booklet page references before you begin the testing session. Also, the written directions for Special Test Forms may not make any references to completing answer documents. You may modify both of these instructions accordingly.

NOTE: Students who have passed the coursework that covers the *English: Reading* SOL for grades 9–11 but failed the test prior to fall 2005 are eligible to retake the test for verified credit. However, the test forms that measure the 1995 standards should be administered. These test booklets are packaged separately and are identified on the *Assembly ID Sheet*. The same answer documents will be used for the administrations of test forms measuring the 1995 EOC *English: Reading* standards and the 2002 EOC *English: Reading* standards.

All directions that you are to read aloud to students are in **bold type** so that they stand out from the rest of the text. Read them **exactly as they are written**, using a natural tone and manner. If you make a mistake in reading a direction, stop and say, “**No, that is wrong. I must read it to you again. Listen again.**” Then read the direction again. Other text is for your information and should not be read to students. It is essential that you become familiar with these instructions **before** test administration and that you follow them exactly as they appear.

Help must not be given on specific test items and no clues should be given about the correctness of a student's answer to a particular item. Test questions may not be read to students unless specified in their IEPs or 504 management plans. **If in doubt, it is better to say that you cannot respond to the student's question rather than risk violating standard procedures.**

Try to maintain a natural classroom atmosphere during the test administration. Encourage students to do their best. Check periodically to make sure that students are recording their answers correctly on the answer document, following instructions, and working until the end of the test or as far as they can.

Remind students to handle their answer documents with care, record their answers with heavy, dark pencil marks, and avoid making extra marks. Also, answer documents should never be folded, clipped, stapled, or torn.

If students have **just completed** Fields A–D of their demographic information in **Section 5.1** and still have answer documents in their possession, proceed to Section 5.3.1, to begin the specific directions for administering the EOC *English: Reading* test.

OR

If students completed Fields A–D of their demographic information in **Section 5.1** on a **previous day or in an earlier sitting** on this day,

SAY I am going to give your answer document to you. Make sure that your name is on the front and back sides. (Demonstrate.) Keep your answer document turned over so the front side that we have already completed is facing up. (Demonstrate.) Be very careful with your answer document.

Distribute answer documents. Make sure each student receives the correct one.

Proceed to the instructions in Section 5.3.1.

5.3.1 Specific directions for administering the SOL EOC *English: Reading* test

Administration of the test may now begin.

SAY Today you will be taking the SOL *English: Reading* test. This test will provide information about how well you understand this subject. It is important that you do your best on this test. I am going to give each of you a test booklet and a sheet of scratch paper. Do not open your test booklet until I tell you to do so.

Distribute test booklets and scratch paper. Ensure that students also have any materials or supplies required for accommodations.

To assist in the identification of the test form, the complete form number indicates the test level (EOC), subject test code (3-digit numbers), followed by a dash (-), an “R” and four numbers. However, only the last four numbers must be entered on the answer document.

SAY Look at the front cover of your test booklet for the form number of the test you are taking. Find the “R” followed by four numbers. (Point.) Now look at the back side of your answer document. Find Field F, Form. The first letter “R” has been written in for you. In the empty boxes, write the numbers that appear on the front cover of your test booklet. Beneath each box in which you wrote a number, fill in the circle that has the same number. When you have finished, recheck the form number and the circles you filled in. Are there any questions?

Answer any questions the students may have.

As an Examiner, you may need to complete this field for students with disabilities. On a large-print test booklet, the form number is on the top right corner of the test booklet's front cover. The form number for a Braille test booklet is on its front cover at the bottom center. Correct completion of the form number is essential for accurate scoring.

SAY Find Field G, Test Date. (Point.) In the area labeled “Month,” find the circle for the month of this test date and fill it in. (Examiners should specify the month.)

After students have finished,

- SAY** The next area is labeled “Day.” In the two boxes, write the test date, entering one number in each box. (Examiners should specify the test date.) For example, if the test date is between the 1st and the 9th of the month, you would write “0” in the first box and the correct number in the second box. Does anyone have a question?

Answer all questions. When everyone has finished,

- SAY** Now beneath each box, fill in the circle that has the same number that you wrote in the box.

After students have finished,

- SAY** The next area is labeled “Year.” In the last two boxes, write “0” in the first box and the correct number in the second box. Does anyone have a question?

Answer all questions. When everyone has finished,

- SAY** Now beneath each box, fill in the circle that has the “0” and the correct number.

Give help as needed.

- SAY** Finally, in Section 1, Field A, (point) in the box labeled “Test Date,” write the same date you entered in Field G. (Examiners should specify the month, day and year.) Does anyone have a question?

Answer all questions. Give help as needed.

- SAY** On the front cover of your test booklet, find the box labeled “Student Name.” (Point.) Print your first and last name in the box. Then turn your test booklet over. Print your first and last name in the box.

Give help as needed.

Ensure that all students have printed their names clearly in the boxes on the front and back covers of the test booklets.

- SAY** Open your test booklet to page 3. (Demonstrate.)

Make sure all students have their test booklet open to the correct page.

- SAY** Turn your answer document over to the back side and look at the bottom section. (Demonstrate.) Now find the shaded box labeled “Samples” on your answer document. (Point to this section.)

Make sure all students have found the correct section of the answer document.

SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

Point out to students that the Samples' Box, located on the back side of the answer document, has two items, A and B; however, only one sample item (A) is on the fall 2007 test. Leave sample test item "B" BLANK.

SAY There is only one sample test item on this test; therefore, you will need to complete "Sample A," and leave "Sample B" BLANK. Does anyone have a question? (Pause.)

Answer any questions the students may have.

SAY Look at the directions at the top of page 3 of your test booklet. Read them to yourself as I read them aloud. "*Directions: Read each passage. Then read each question about the passage. Decide which is the best answer to each question. Mark the space on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.*" Now find the sample passage.

Point to the sample passage.

SAY Read the passage to yourself.

Pause while students read the sample passage.

SAY Now look at question A. (Point.) Read the question and choose the best answer. (Pause.) Which answer did you choose?

Pause for replies.

SAY The best answer is "D." For question A, select the letter "D" in the sample box because "D" is the letter for the best answer.

EOC ENGLISH: READING TEST (1995 STANDARDS) ONLY

Students who are retaking the *English: Reading* test, will take a form that measures the *1995 Standards*. If you are administering forms R3024, R3025, or R5035 there will be a *second* sample item. The answer document's Samples Box includes item "B" for the second sample item.

SAY Now look at question B. Read the question to yourself. On the answer document, mark the space for your answer.

Pause.

SAY Which space did you mark?

Pause for replies.

SAY You should have marked the space for "F." Are there any questions about how to mark this answer on your answer document?

Point to this section.

Answer all questions related to the mechanics of completing the answer document.

TEST ITEMS THAT DO NOT REFER TO A PASSAGE

Students may have test forms with *one* or *more* questions that do not refer to a “passage.”

SAY There may be one or more items located on different pages of the test that do not refer to a passage. Just before this type of question appears in your test booklet, you will see the following directions.

DIRECTIONS

SAY “You do not need to read a passage to answer the following question.
Please read and answer the question.”

OR

If there is more than one of these questions, you will read the following directions.

“You do not need to read a passage to answer the following questions.
Please read and answer each question.”

SAY Does anyone have a question?

Answer all questions.

As a reminder to students during testing, the directions above may be written on the classroom’s dry-erase board or chalkboard. If you *choose* to write and display these directions,

SAY As a reminder, when you see these directions (point to the classroom’s dry-erase board or chalkboard) in your test booklet, remember that you do not need a passage to answer the question [questions].

Answer any questions the students may have related to the mechanics of completing the answer document.

Now proceed with the instructions following the row of asterisks.

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Before actual testing starts, make sure the test procedures are very clear to the students. Questions should be encouraged so that every student understands the mechanics of completing the answer document.

Please note that your comments must be confined to answering student questions about the mechanics of completing the answer document.

SAY Remember, read each passage; then answer the questions about the passage. Choose the best answer for each question or if there is no passage, just read the question or questions

and choose the best answer for each question. You should answer all of the questions in this test booklet. You may have as much time as you need to complete this test. Work until you come to the stop sign. (Demonstrate.) When you finish, you may check your work.

The *English: Reading* test that measures the 2002 Standards contains 60 items, while the test measuring the 1995 Standards contains 52 items. All students should use the same answer document.

ENGLISH: READING TEST (2002 STANDARDS) ONLY

If you are administering the *English: Reading* test that measures the 2002 Standards to students,

SAY There are 60 items on this test. You will find there are 60 answer spaces on the answer document. The last 8 answer spaces are within the box designated for “2002 Standards Use Only.” (Point to this section.)

Answer any questions the students may have.

ENGLISH: READING TEST (1995 STANDARDS) ONLY

If you are administering the *English: Reading* test that measures the 1995 Standards to students,

SAY There are 52 items on this test. You will find there are 60 answer spaces on the answer document. Do not fill in the last 8 answer spaces that are within the box designated for “2002 Standards Use Only.” (Point to this section.)

Answer any questions the students may have.

SAY You may write in your test booklet or on your scratch paper, but make sure to fill in your answers on your answer document. Fill in only one answer for each question.

Notice that odd-numbered questions have answer choices labeled “A,” “B,” “C,” and “D.” The answer choices for even-numbered questions are labeled “F,” “G,” “H,” and “J.” If you decide to change your answer to a question, make sure to erase your first answer completely. Does everyone understand what to do?

After all questions have been answered,

SAY You may start working now.

NOTE

If you are administering an audiotape that accompanies a Braille, large-print, or regular test, you or the students may now begin playing the tape. Note that the narrator will read the directions and the sample test item. If you have already covered that information, you may choose to advance the tape to the narration of the first test item. **You or the students may pause or stop a tape as necessary during the test to better follow its contents.**

If a student asks a question during the test, be very careful when answering. If the student's question refers to the mechanics of testing, such as how to fill in a circle or mark the sample test item, it can be answered. If the question refers to a particular test item, the student should be told, **"Read it carefully and choose the best answer."** Help must not be given on specific test items, and no clues should be given about the correctness of a student's answer to a particular item.

During test administration, monitor the testing process by moving as unobtrusively as possible about the room. Make sure that students are marking their answers in the correct section of the answer document. If you observe students marking their answers in the incorrect section, the **class** should be told, **"Please take a moment to check your work. Make sure you are completing the correct section in your answer document."**

Have extra sharpened pencils, erasers, and scratch paper available in an accessible place. Students are **not** to have access to dictionaries.

Examiners should focus their attention on monitoring the testing process during test administration and should not spend time reviewing test items. (Refer to *Test Security Guidelines* in Appendix A.)

After about 75 minutes or when most students have finished,

SAY If you have finished, raise your hand. I will collect your materials. If you have not finished, continue working and take as much time as you need. When you do finish, raise your hand. After I have collected your materials, you may sit quietly or read if you wish.

Collect the answer documents of those students who have completed the test, then collect their test booklets and then collect their scratch paper. These items should be collected from each individual student, not passed up or down the rows of desks or seats.

Remember that the SOL tests are untimed. Allow those students who have not finished to continue working. Be prepared for the possibility of moving these students to an alternate test site. Should this become necessary, be sure to maintain the security of the test booklets and answer documents for those students yet to complete the test. Students should not be allowed to discuss the test in any way during this move.

Examiners must collect all materials used in testing. Be sure to account for all test materials, including test booklets, answer documents, audiotapes, and scratch paper **before** students are moved to an alternate test site or dismissed from the test session. Test materials must be kept in a secure location.

Important: After all students have completed the test, announce that they should not discuss the test because other students may still need to complete testing. Examiners or Proctors may not discuss any of the test questions with anyone.

SAY Remember, after taking the test, you should not discuss the test with anyone, including your classmates and teachers.

After the test session is over, inspect the students' answer documents and organize the test materials for return to the STC as described in Sections 6.1–6.2.

5.4 Handling Testing Irregularities

Be aware of any situation in which a testing irregularity could occur, which includes, but is not limited to:

- A student becomes ill during testing.
- A student is observed cheating during the testing session.
- A teacher or another adult provides improper assistance to a student.
- Testing accommodations specified in a student's IEP, 504 management plan, or *LEP Student Assessment Participation Plan* are not provided.
- The student is provided an accommodation that is not specified in the student's IEP, 504 management plan, or *LEP Student Assessment Participation Plan*.

- An excessive disturbance or disruption occurs during the testing session.
- A student's test booklet or used answer document is missing.
- Any unused/unassigned test booklet is missing.

A testing irregularity is any occurrence that may inappropriately influence a student's performance. Any testing irregularities observed should be reported **immediately** to your STC. Your STC will discuss with you procedures for handling testing irregularities. All testing irregularities must be recorded as directed by your STC. The *Test Irregularity Form* in Appendix F may be used to document the incident.

IMPORTANT: Your STC will have to provide the following additional documentation if the irregularity involves lost test materials. Attach to the *Test Irregularity Form*:

1. a copy of the test booklet package *Assembly ID Sheet* for tracking the materials;
2. a copy of the *Examiner's/Proctor's Test Booklet Transmittal Form/Affidavit* or the *Classroom Transmittal Document for Special Test Forms Kits* for tracking the materials or another such transmittal form for tracking the materials;
3. a description of the circumstances surrounding the loss of materials; and
4. an explanation of the steps taken to locate the materials.

If you question whether an incident in your classroom is a testing irregularity, discuss it with your STC.

6. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF EXAMINERS: AFTER TESTING

6.1 Inspecting Answer Documents for Students Who Took the Test

Remember that the students' completed answer documents are secure test materials. They must be inspected and assembled in a location that is inaccessible to students and must be returned to your STC no later than the end of the school day on which the test was administered.

NOTE: If the testing session was concluded relatively late in the school day and you do not have time to prepare the answer documents as described in Section 6.2, return them to your STC at this time along with other test materials so that they can be counted and locked in a secure location overnight. Arrange with your STC to retrieve the answer documents on another school day so that you can inspect and assemble the answer documents for return.

After testing, you must make sure that the answer documents are undamaged and complete, and they contain all appropriate identification information. **Careful inspection of the students' answer documents will help prevent scoring delays.**

1. Inspect all answer documents for improper marks. **Marks made with ballpoint pen, felt-tipped pen, hard-lead or colored pencils will not be scanned.** All marks to be read by the scanners must be very dark. **DO NOT ALTER THE STUDENT'S RESPONSE TO THE WRITING PROMPT IN ANY WAY.**
2. Check the multiple-choice answer section. Stray marks must be completely erased. Scanning machines are extremely sensitive and can sometimes pick up stray marks and erasures as intended responses. When a student has made a change, make sure that the unwanted response is completely erased, but **DO NOT ALTER THE STUDENT'S RESPONSE IN ANY WAY.**
3. Remove any extraneous materials or loose sheets of paper.
4. Check the demographic information.
 - a. Handwritten information in Field A (student's name, teacher, school, etc.) should be legibly filled in with a No. 2 pencil in the spaces provided at the top of the page.
 - b. If the answer document is submitted WITHOUT a Pre-ID label, Fields B through E, the machine-scannable information (student's name, date of birth, gender, etc.), must be accurately completed with dark No. 2 pencil marks. Make sure all fields have been completed in which you have entered information.
 - c. Check each student's answer document to ensure that the correct form number of the test has been completed in Field F, Form and compare it to the form number on the student's test booklet. Failure to complete Field F accurately will result in an incorrect key being used to score the test.

If applicable, your STC will provide directions for completing Field H, Testing Status and Field I, Special Test Accommodations.
5. Inspect answer documents for damage. No tape, staples, coffee, paint, or other foreign objects or substances can be on the answer documents.
6. Answer documents that are not in good physical condition (bent corners, folds or wrinkles, clips or staples) cannot be scanned by electronic machines. If such an answer document is found, inform your STC and if permission is given, transcribe the student's multiple-choice answers

and demographic information to a blank answer document. If such transcriptions are made:

- a. Verify the accuracy of **all** transcriptions with another Examiner, teacher, or faculty member; however, **students' responses must not be altered in any way**.
- b. Print the word "VOID" on the front demographic page of the original answer document and return it to your STC.

6.2 Organizing Test Materials for Return to the STC

6.2.1 Verifying test materials

All secure materials must be returned to the STC as soon as possible after the end of the testing session, **but not later than the end of the same school day on which the test was administered**.

As directed by your STC, assemble the following materials for return to the STC:

Test Materials

Verify that the number of test booklets and the Special Test Form Kits returned match the number you received initially and recorded on the *Assembly ID Sheet* and/or the *Examiner's/Proctor's Test Booklet Transmittal Form/Affidavit* or the *Classroom Transmittal Document for Special Test Forms Kits*:

- regular test booklets
- if applicable, Special Test Kits for Braille, large print, and/or regular audiotapes
 - students' test booklets
 - examiner's copy of test booklets
 - accompanying Braille, large print, and/or regular audiotapes

Answer Documents

Verify the following:

- There is a completed or partially completed answer document for each student that was administered the test, including answer documents for irregularities that required retesting.
- If applicable, there is an answer document for those students who were absent and did not take the test.
- The number of students tested, the number of completed answer documents, and the number of test booklets (identified with students' name), match the testing/classroom attendance roster.

6.2.2 Preparing the bundles of answer documents

Bundle all used/marked answer documents as follows:

- Answer documents for Term Graduates, Regular and Special Test Forms (Braille, large-print, and regular-audio), includes answer documents for irregularities for either Regular or Special Test Forms. Also, included in this bundle should be answer documents for all students **not tested** in a classroom.

6.3 Returning All Test Materials to Your STC After Testing Is Completed

After all materials are inspected, verified, and bundled, return them to your STC. Return three separate groups of materials as follows:

- **Group 1—Scorable Secure Answer Documents:** All completed and partially completed answer documents, including answer documents for irregularities that required retesting should be bundled as described in Section 6.2.2—Preparing the bundles of answer documents.
NOTE: No loose scratch paper should be included with the scorable answer documents.
- **Group 2—Secure Test Materials:** all test booklets used in the test session (include Braille and large-print Examiner's copies and accompanying audiotapes).
- **Group 3—Remaining Non-Scorable Materials:** the completed test booklets' package *Assembly ID Sheets*, unused and/or unmarked answer documents, damaged answer documents marked "VOID," scratch paper, and this manual.

The STC will verify that you have returned all test materials and initial the "IN" column on the *Examiner's/Proctor's Test Booklet Transmittal Form/Affidavit* or the "Kits Returned" column on the *Classroom Transmittal Document for Special Test Forms Kits* (Appendix E).

NOTE

ALL TEST BOOKLETS, AUDIOTAPES, AND EXAMINER'S COPIES MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR AND RETURNED TO YOUR STC.

6.4 Signing the *Examiner's/Proctor's Test Booklet Transmittal Form/Affidavit* or the *Classroom Transmittal Document for Special Test Forms Kits*

After the *EOC English: Reading* test has been administered and materials returned to your STC, you are required to certify the following:

1. The tests have been administered according to the directions in the *Examiner's Manual*.
2. Test questions have not been reproduced in any way.
3. No inappropriate test preparation activities have been conducted.
4. Students' responses have not been altered in any way.

Your STC will provide you and any Proctors or interpreters (if applicable) one of these forms to sign: *Examiner's/Proctor's Test Booklet Transmittal Form/Affidavit* or the *Classroom Transmittal Document for Special Test Forms Kits* (Appendix E) or another such affidavit.

7. MAKE-UP TESTING

Every student who is absent on the regular test date must be given an opportunity to take the missed test, provided the make-up sessions are within the testing window.

Your STC will provide you with information regarding the schedule for make-up testing sessions.

THANK YOU

We appreciate your time and effort in participating in the SOL Assessment for *EOC English: Reading*.

APPENDIX A
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STANDARDS OF LEARNING ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
FALL 2007

TEST SECURITY GUIDELINES

Listed below are guidelines to assist those persons involved in the administration of the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments (paper and online) in determining what actions may compromise test security.

1. Students must never be exposed to unreleased test items or to the answers to unreleased test items before or following test administration. **Using unreleased test items in any form (including rewording of such test items) is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** If in doubt whether test items have been released, contact the Division Director of Testing for verification.
2. All persons are prohibited from providing students with the answer to any unreleased test item and from making any suggestion as to how to respond to a test item at any time, whether before, during, or after a test administration. This prohibition includes provision of clues, hints, and/or actual answers in any written, printed, verbal, and/or non-verbal form (including chalkboards, charts, and bulletin boards).
3. Examiners should receive test booklets/writing prompts only on the day of testing. Examiners are not to open sealed packages of writing prompts more than 30 minutes before the test session for the direct-writing component of the writing tests.
4. Examiners are not to improperly review test items or test booklets before, during, or after test administration. Examiners administering the paper multiple-choice SOL tests are not to look ahead in the test booklets.
5. Copying/printing/photographing **ALL OR ANY PART** of an SOL assessment or taking notes about the items included on a SOL assessment is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** As stated in the copyrights by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Education, testing materials may not be reproduced or used in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying or recording or by any information storage or retrieval systems.
6. All persons are prohibited from logging into TestNav™ (the Web-based application) posing as a student, current or fabricated, to view any SOL assessments. Only a student whose name appears on a *Student Authorization Ticket* is permitted to log in and take an online assessment (not applicable for *Writing* tests).
7. The tests must be administered strictly in accordance with the instructions outlined in the SOL assessment manuals. This includes following proper procedures for using test manipulatives. Directions that are to be read to the students must be read exactly as written.
8. No test item that will be scored to obtain students' test results may be used as a sample or practice item for learning how to select responses. Sample items are included in the SOL assessments to familiarize students with the format of the items and the procedures for selecting their answers.
9. All persons are prohibited from attempting to formally or informally score SOL assessments.
10. All Examiners, Proctors, or Interpreters using a Proctor Authorization Ticket to administer an online Read-Aloud assessment to students requiring this accommodation are prohibited from answering test questions in the Web-based assessment before, during, or after the administration of the test (not applicable for *Writing* tests).
11. All persons are prohibited from changing students' answers to test items whether by providing hints or clues during a test administration, correcting wrong answers during a test administration, or by erasing or correcting answers or responses recorded/selected by the student.
12. All known violations of test security procedures shall be reported by phone, fax or in writing. Call (804) 225-2102 to report violations by phone. Fax violations to (804) 371-8978. Written reports must be signed by the person making the report, and addressed to the Division of Assessment and Reporting, Virginia Department of Education, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218-2120. The Virginia Department of Education will request an investigation of any test improprieties and implementation of an action plan as necessary. All corrective action plans must be submitted to the Division of Assessment and Reporting.

Please read legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly (§22.1–19.1 Actions for violations of test security procedures and §22.1–292.1 Violation of test security procedures: revocation of license) regarding the repercussions of violating test security.

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§ 22.1–19.1. Action for violations of test security procedures.

- A.** The Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the Board of Education, may bring a cause of action in the circuit court having jurisdiction where the person resides or where the act occurred for injunctive relief, civil penalty, or both, against any person who knowingly and willfully commits any of the following acts related to secure mandatory tests required by the Board to be administered to students:
1. Permitting unauthorized access to secure test questions prior to testing;
 2. Copying or reproducing all or any portion of any secure test booklet/writing prompt;
 3. Divulging the contents of any portion of a secure test;
 4. Altering test materials or examinees' responses in any way;
 5. Creating or making available answer keys to secure tests;
 6. Making a false certification on the test security form established by the Department of Education; or
 7. Participating in, directing, aiding or abetting, or assisting in any of the acts prohibited in this section.

For the purpose of this subsection, “secure” means an item, question, or test that has not been made publicly available by the Department of Education.

- B.** Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit or restrict the reasonable and necessary actions of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Department of Education or their agents or employees engaged in test development or selection, test form construction, standard setting, test scoring, reporting test scores, or any other related activities which, in the judgment of the Superintendent of Public Instruction or Board of Education, are necessary and appropriate.
- C.** Any person who violates any provisions of this section may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation; however, any person whose administrative or teaching license has been suspended or revoked pursuant to § 22.1–292.1 shall not be assessed a civil penalty for the same violation under this section.

All civil penalties paid to the Commonwealth pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Literary Fund. (2000, cc. 634, 659; 2004, cc. 939, 955.)

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Please read legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly (§22.1–19.1 Actions for violations of test security procedures and §22.1–292.1 Violation of test security procedures: revocation of license) regarding the repercussions of violating test security.

§ 22.1–292.1. Violation of test security procedures: revocation of license.

- A.** The Board of Education may suspend or revoke the administrative or teaching license it has issued to any person who commits any of the following acts knowingly and willfully with the intent to compromise secure mandatory tests administered to students as required by this title or by the Board of Education:
- 1.** Giving unauthorized access to secure test questions;
 - 2.** Copying or reproducing all or any portion of any secure test booklet/writing prompt;
 - 3.** Divulging the contents of any portion of a secure test;
 - 4.** Coaching or assisting examinees during testing or altering examinees' responses in any way;
 - 5.** Making available any answer keys;
 - 6.** Failing to follow test security procedures established by the Department of Education;
 - 7.** Providing a false certification on any test security form required by the Department of Education;
 - 8.** Retaining a copy of secure test questions; and
 - 9.** Participating in, directing, aiding, assisting in, or encouraging any of the acts prohibited by this section.

For the purposes of this section, “secure test” means an item, question, or test that has not been made publicly available by the Department of Education.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit educational personnel from providing input to administrators or other authorized personnel, including school board members and members of the General Assembly, except when done in a manner that violates test integrity or security regarding the accuracy, clarity, or propriety of test items or test administration procedures.

- B.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit or restrict the reasonable and necessary actions of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or the Department of Education in test development or selection, test form construction, standard setting, test scoring and reporting, or any other related activities which, in the judgment of the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Board of Education, are necessary and appropriate.
- C.** Any suspension or revocation imposed for the acts enumerated in this section shall be rendered pursuant to Board regulations promulgated pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 9–6.14:1 et seq. and § 22.1–298), governing the licensure of teachers.

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**STANDARDS OF LEARNING (SOL) ASSESSMENTS
FALL 2007**

***SCHOOL DIVISION PERSONNEL TEST SECURITY AGREEMENT
(INCLUDING EXAMINERS/PROCTORS)***

I acknowledge that I will have access to the Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments for the purpose of administering an SOL test. I also acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the *Test Security Guidelines* for the SOL test. I understand that these materials are highly secure, and it is my professional responsibility to protect their security as follows:

1. I will not divulge the contents of the test to anyone.
2. I will not improperly review test items or test booklets/writing prompts, copy or take notes about any part of the test.
3. I will not allow access to the test materials to any student or to any other person not so authorized by the School Test Coordinator.
4. I will not alter students' responses in any way.
5. I will not provide answers to test items or any other improper assistance to students.
6. If serving as an Examiner for online Read-Aloud test sessions, I will not answer test questions in the Web-based assessment before, during, or after the administration of the test.
7. I understand my Login ID and password for the Virginia SOL Web-based Assessments Program are secure and must remain confidential.
8. I have read the legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly (§ 22.1–19.1 Action for violations of test security procedures and § 22.1–292.1 Violation of test security procedures: revocation of license).
9. I understand that if test security procedures and guidelines are not followed, my license may be suspended or revoked or I may be assessed a civil penalty for each violation.

Interpreters and all individuals involved in transcriptions of student responses must also read and sign the test security agreement.

Please be sure to print, sign and return the *Test Security Agreement* (from the computer OR manual) to the appropriate test administrator before administering any SOL tests.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Position: _____

School: _____

Division: _____

Date: _____

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APPENDIX B

SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHIC PAGE OF A STUDENT ANSWER DOCUMENT (Page 1/2)



2007 – 2008
Answer Document

ENGLISH: READING
End-of-Course Test

Section 1

If this answer document is submitted WITH a Pre-ID label, any data in fields B through E will not be read by the scanner. Changes to student information must be made online within PEM Solutions.

If this answer document is submitted WITHOUT a Pre-ID label, fields B through E must be completed. Changes to student information after this document is submitted must be completed online within PEM Solutions.

Please see Section 2 for additional fields.

A STUDENT NAME				TEACHER			
SCHOOL				SCHOOL DIVISION			
GENDER		GRADE		DATE OF BIRTH		TEST DATE	

C DATE OF BIRTH		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR
<input type="radio"/> Jan		<input type="radio"/> 19
<input type="radio"/> Feb		<input type="radio"/> 20
<input type="radio"/> Mar	0 0	0 0
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| 2 | F | G | H | J | 27 | A | B | C | D | 52 | F | G | H | J |
| 3 | A | B | C | D | 28 | F | G | H | J | 53 | A | B | C | D |
| 4 | F | G | H | J | 29 | A | B | C | D | 54 | F | G | H | J |
| 5 | A | B | C | D | 30 | F | G | H | J | 55 | A | B | C | D |
| 6 | F | G | H | J | 31 | A | B | C | D | 56 | F | G | H | J |
| 7 | A | B | C | D | 32 | F | G | H | J | 57 | A | B | C | D |
| 8 | F | G | H | J | 33 | A | B | C | D | 58 | F | G | H | J |
| 9 | A | B | C | D | 34 | F | G | H | J | 59 | A | B | C | D |
| 10 | F | G | H | J | 35 | A | B | C | D | 60 | F | G | H | J |
| 11 | A | B | C | D | 36 | F | G | H | J | | | | | |
| 12 | F | G | H | J | 37 | A | B | C | D | | | | | |
| 13 | A | B | C | D | 38 | F | G | H | J | | | | | |
| 14 | F | G | H | J | 39 | A | B | C | D | | | | | |
| 15 | A | B | C | D | 40 | F | G | H | J | | | | | |
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APPENDIX C STANDARDS OF LEARNING ASSESSMENTS

SPECIAL TEST ACCOMMODATIONS

Directions: Before testing, the Examiner should become familiar with special test accommodations specified in students' IEPs, 504 management plans, or *LEP Student Assessment Participation Plans*, and coordinate with the STC how accommodations will be met during the testing session. Questions about whether accommodations not listed in this manual are permissible should be directed to the STC.

For additional information, refer to the *2007–2008 SOL Assessment Resource Manual, Procedures for Participation of Students with Disabilities in Virginia's Accountability System*:

www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Assessment/home.shtml

Additional materials required for testing accommodations

Some accommodations require additional materials and supplies for test administration. It is important to review students' IEPs, 504 management plans, or *LEP Student Assessment Participation Plans* to identify necessary materials or devices in advance of the test dates. Examiners conducting a read aloud administration **MUST** ensure that the test booklets used have **IDENTICAL** form numbers so that the Examiner and student(s) are viewing the same test items. For students who will be using audiotapes that accompany the Braille, large-print, or regular versions of a test, they will need tape recorders, preferably one for each student. Other students may require magnification aids or a Braillewriter, depending on what their IEPs or 504 management plans specify.

The school division must supply enlarged copies of the answer documents if they are required by students.

Audiotaping

Some accommodations require that the test administration be audiotaped. These accommodations include:

- read-aloud administration (must be recorded **or** proctored)
- Examiner/Proctor records students' answers for students who must dictate answers because they are unable to mark the regular answer document; or students who respond verbally

For students with such accommodations specified in their IEPs, 504 management plans, or *LEP Student Assessment Participation Plans*, arrange for the test administration to be audiotaped.

Assistance with Directions

The Examiner may make modifications as needed to the specific directions for administering a test to ensure that students taking the Braille, large-print, and/or audiotape versions of the test understand the testing procedures. For example, tell students they do not need to read or pay attention to the copyright notice that appears in the Braille version and is read at the beginning of audiotapes.

Assistance with directions may include reading directions to students, simplifying directions, clarifying directions, or writing directions. The Examiner may simplify directions by restating the directions using more familiar or clearly understood terminology. The Examiner also may clarify directions by answering

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questions from the students about the test directions related to the mechanics of the test.

An accommodation may require that the Examiner provide a copy of the directions for the student to reference during testing. Directions may be copied from either the student's test booklet or this manual. The directions may be written on the classroom's dry-erase board or chalkboard, displayed on an overhead projector, or copied onto individual sheets of paper. Again, special care must be taken when assisting with directions so as not to lead the students to correct responses.

Interpreters

For some accommodations, interpreters may be required during the testing session. Interpreters are required when students' IEPs or 504 management plans specify that the student needs to have test items or directions interpreted by signing or transliteration in order to participate. Interpreters must also sign the *School Division Personnel Test Security Agreement (Including Examiners/Proctors)* (Appendix A).

Interpreting Directions

Assistance with directions may include interpreting the test directions through signing or transliterations. Hearing-impaired students who normally communicate in an alternative or manual method may be provided an educational interpreter to interpret test directions or to answer questions concerning test instructions or procedures. The Examiner must be present for the testing session and read aloud the test directions as presented in the manual so that they can be communicated in the alternative or manual method by the educational interpreter. The student must direct any questions to the Examiner, and the Examiner's response must be communicated by the educational interpreter. The interpreter should also communicate sample questions that are read aloud as part of the test directions.

Interpreting (e.g., Signing, Transliteration) Test Items

An interpreted (e.g., signing, transliteration) test administration must be proctored by appropriate school personnel. The interpreter must be very careful when interpreting the test items so as not to lead the student to a correct answer by facial expression or by repeating any part of the test that is not specifically requested by the student.

The Test Examiner and the Proctor must verify in writing that the test administration was conducted according to the standardized procedures. This written verification shall be retained on file in the office of the DDOT until scores are received and verified.

Read-aloud Accommodation on the Reading Assessment Only

The read-aloud accommodation on the statewide reading assessments is allowed only for students with a visual impairment, including blindness, and those students with a specific disability that severely limits or prevents them from decoding text at any level of difficulty. This determination should be based on a diagnostic tool or instrument that was administered by a certified authority. Students with disabilities who are simply having difficulty reading text and/or are reading below grade-level are not allowed the read-aloud accommodation on the statewide reading assessments.

If the read-aloud accommodation for the reading test is used for students with disabilities who have not been determined as eligible by the school division according to the criteria stated above, the read-aloud will be considered a non-standard accommodation. Directions for coding the answer document, Field I, Special Test Accommodations, are located in the *Fall 2007 Non-Writing Test Implementation Manual*.

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Read-aloud Administration

Students with disabilities who are eligible for the read-aloud accommodation will use the same test form as other students in their classroom. Examiners conducting a read-aloud administration **MUST** ensure that the students' test booklets have **IDENTICAL** form numbers on the front covers, so that the Examiner and student(s) are viewing the same test items.

A read-aloud administration must be recorded or proctored. The taped record of the entire testing session shall be retained on file and secure in the office of the DDOT until scores are received and verified. If proctored, the Test Examiner and Proctor must verify in writing that the test administration was conducted according to the standardized procedures. This written verification must be retained on file and secure in the office of the DDOT until scores have been received and verified.

Special attention must be given to the IEP or 504 management plan for specific accommodations regarding reading the test aloud. For example, a student's accommodation may require the entire test to be read orally or may require having words, questions, or sentences read orally only when requested by the student. In particular, care must be taken to describe graphics without leading the student to the correct response. The audiotape provides a taped version of the test instructions and test items. A regular-print, large-print, Braille, or regular version of the test should be used in conjunction with reading the test aloud in order to provide the student multi-sensory stimulation. Test items must be read in English.

The Examiner must be very careful when reading the test aloud so that he/she does not lead the student to a correct response by intonation or by repeating any part of the test that is not specifically requested by the student. **Prior to reading aloud a test item, take a moment to review the item so that the answer is not inadvertently given to the student. Depending on the content of the test item, you may need to read aloud "Broad RD." as "Broad R-d period." Similarly, you may need to read the number 3,254 as "three comma two five four."**

For more detailed information, refer to the *Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments Guidelines for Administering the Read-Aloud Accommodation* at

www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Assessment/Assess.PDF/readaloudguidelines.pdf

Transcription of Students' Answers

NOTE: Prior approval must be obtained from the STC to conduct a transcription of student(s) answers.

The accommodation for transcribing students' test responses onto an answer document is **only** available for students as stated in their IEPs, 504 management plans, or *LEP Student Assessment Participation Plans*. A student's responses to the multiple-choice tests must be transcribed to the regular answer document by a school official if the student's answers were:

- recorded on Braille paper or on an enlarged copy of the answer document,
- dictated to an Examiner/Proctor and audiotaped, or
- marked directly in the test booklet.

The transcription must be verified by a second school official to ensure that no errors occurred. Proctors may transcribe or verify the transcription. Other adults in the school can also transcribe responses or verify responses without formal training as a Proctor. However, the same individual should transcribe the entire response. An alert will be triggered if a response appears with more than one individual's handwriting. **NOTE: The students' responses must not be altered in any way.**

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Transcriptions must be completed as soon as possible after the test has been administered. Remember that an answer document is considered to be secure once a student's answers have been recorded on it. Therefore, the answer documents must be kept in locked storage when not in use during an actual testing session.

The student's Braille responses, an enlarged copy of the answer document, or an audiotape of the students responses shall be retained on file and secure in the office of the DDOT until scores are received and verified. However, the marked test booklet should be returned with all other non-scorable secure materials to Pearson.

Using Audiotapes that Accompany Braille, Large-Print, or Regular-print Versions of the Test

NOTE: Only use the audiotape accompanying the Braille or large-print test forms if the student has use of an audiotape as an accommodation on her/his current IEP or 504 management plan.

Before test administration, check tape recorders to be sure they will work correctly during test administration. Check the labels of the audiotapes to see that the subject area and test form number match the Braille, large-print, or regular-print test booklets.

In each set of specific directions for administering a subject area test, listen for an indication of a **NOTE** box that will advise exactly when to begin playing an audiotape. On the audiotape, the narrator reads the directions and the sample questions but does not refer to the answer document or how to enter answers. The Examiner may modify instructions to the student as necessary. **Students may pause or stop a tape as necessary during the test to follow its contents and keep up with the narration.** So that students may stop the tape as they need to, it is best to have an individual tape and tape recorder for each student using an audiotape version.

APPENDIX D
Special Test Accommodations Codes
End-of-Course English: Reading Test

Limited English Proficient (LEP)	Students with Disabilities (SWD)	Available for Online Testing	Answer document circle number	
•	•	•	1	flexible schedule (includes breaks during test and multiple test sessions); for online, breaks during test within one school day
			2	group size
			3	environmental modifications (e.g., special lighting, noise buffers, use of study carrel)
•	•	•	4	visual aids (e.g., magnifying glass, templates to show only one item at a time); for online, large computer monitor, screen magnifier
L	•	•	5	amplification equipment (e.g., hearing aid or auditory trainer)
L	•		6	large-print test
			7	assistance with directions (i.e., simplifying or clarifying directions)
L	•		8	increased size of answer circles (e.g., enlarged copy of answer document)
L	•		9	Braille test/Braille answer document
			10	reading in English of test items (except for <i>English: Reading</i> test). If Plan calls for reading the test aloud, see #14.
			11	audiotape version of test items (except for <i>English: Reading</i> test). If Plan calls for using audiotape version of test, see #15.
			12	interpreting (e.g., signing, transliteration) test items (except for <i>English: Reading</i> test). If Plan calls for interpreting the test, see #16.
L	•		13	communication board/pictorial presentation
L	•	•	14	reading test items in English on the <i>English: Reading</i> test
L	•	•	15	using audiotape version of the <i>English: Reading</i> test
L	•	•	16	interpreting (e.g., signing, transliteration) test items on the <i>English: Reading</i> test
•	S	•	17	bilingual dictionary
•	•	•	18	mark in test booklet or student responds verbally; for online, student responds verbally
			19	math aids (e.g., abacus, manipulatives)
			20	large-diameter pencil, special pencil, pencil grip
L	•		21	respond by word processor, typewriter, Braille
L	•		22	augmentative communication device
L	•	•	23	spelling aids: spelling checker, spelling dictionary
			24	tape recorder (pre-writing only)
			25	dictation in English to a scribe (direct-writing component only)
			26	use of calculator or arithmetic tables for grade 3 (and for grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 math computation on the section of the test that does not allow a calculator)
•	•	•	27	other (must obtain prior approval from VDOE)
			A	<i>Plain English Mathematics</i> test
•	•	•	B	other (must obtain prior approval from VDOE)

Black squares in either column indicate accommodations that are not available for these tests. DO NOT COMPLETE.

S Unless also identified as LEP, these accommodations are not available for students with disabilities. DO NOT COMPLETE.

L Unless also identified as SWD, these accommodations are not available for LEP students. DO NOT COMPLETE.

• These accommodations are available as needed.


||||| These accommodations are available to all students as needed.

These accommodations are NOT available or NOT applicable with online testing.

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APPENDIX E

SAMPLE TEST BOOKLET PACKAGE ASSEMBLY ID SHEET

Year of Standard	VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING FALL NON-WRITING SECURE TEST MATERIALS Assembly ID Sheet		Form Number
Name of Test			
Level			Quantity
	<p>EOC READ, 95 [R3025] (10)</p>  <p>VA00000161 006921821</p> <p>AFTER OPENING <u>THIS PACKAGE</u> BUT BEFORE DISTRIBUTING ITS CONTENTS TO STUDENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Count the number of test materials contained in this package. Check the one that is applicable and explain any discrepancy. <p>___ There were <u>10</u> test materials in this package.</p> <p>___ There were <u>NOT 10</u> test materials in this package.</p> <p>Discrepancy: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>3. Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>4. Return this Assembly ID sheet to the STC along with all enclosed test materials immediately after the testing session has concluded.</p>		
Range of Security Numbers in Packet	<p>Assembly Number: VA00000161</p> <p>Assembly Name: EOC READ, 95 [R3025] (10)</p> <p>Beginning Serial Range: 006921 821</p> <p>Ending Serial Range: 006921 830</p> <p>Quantity: 10</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>For Internal Use Only.</p> <p>Pg 1 Pkt 33</p> </div>		

**STANDARDS OF LEARNING (SOL) ASSESSMENTS
FALL 2007 NON-WRITING TESTS**

EXAMINER'S/PROCTOR'S TEST BOOKLET TRANSMITTAL FORM/AFFIDAVIT

Division Name: _____ **School Name:** _____

Test Name: _____

Directions

School Test Coordinators: Use the form on the reverse side to sign test booklets out to and in from Examiners/Proctors in your school. Provide your division name and school name.

- ☐ 1. List each Examiner's/Proctor's name in the far-left column.
- ☐ 2. List the number of test booklets assigned to each Examiner/Proctor.
- ☐ 3. The Examiner/Proctor should initial the "Out" column when receiving test booklets.
- ☐ 4. The STC must initial the "In" column at the end of the day when test booklets are returned. Both the Examiner/Proctor and STC should count or otherwise verify the number of test booklets distributed before initialing this form.

5. EXAMINER'S/PROCTOR'S AFFIDAVIT

After testing is completed, have each Examiner/Proctor read the following statements and sign the "Examiner's/Proctor's Affidavit" column certifying the following:

- ☐ a. I administered the Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments test according to the directions in the *Examiner's Manual*.
- ☐ b. I kept all materials secure when in my possession.
- ☐ c. I did not conduct any inappropriate test preparation activities with students that would invalidate their performance or give them an undue advantage over others.
- ☐ d. I did not alter students' responses in any way.
- ☐ e. I have read the statements above and understand that I am certifying that they are true by signing the "Examiner's/Proctor's Affidavit" on the reverse side.

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**STANDARDS OF LEARNING (SOL) ASSESSMENTS
FALL 2007 NON-WRITING TESTS**

EXAMINER'S/PROCTOR'S TEST BOOKLET TRANSMITTAL FORM/AFFIDAVIT

Division Name: _____ **School Name:** _____

Test Name: _____

Directions: Numbers at the top of each column correspond to steps listed on the reverse side.

(1) Examiner's Name (Proctor's Name)	(2) Test Booklet Quantity	(3) OUT— EXAMINER'S/ PROCTOR'S INITIALS	(4) IN— STC'S INITIALS	(5) EXAMINER'S/PROCTOR'S AFFIDAVIT Examiners and Proctors are to sign in this column only AFTER reading statements a–e on the reverse side.

NOTES TO STC:

1. At the close of test administration, this completed page must be forwarded to your DDOT, who will keep it on file.
2. This page may be photocopied.

**STANDARDS OF LEARNING (SOL) ASSESSMENTS
FALL 2007 NON-WRITING TESTS**

CLASSROOM TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENT FOR SPECIAL TEST FORMS KITS

Before testing, this form is for use by the STC when distributing Special Test Forms Kits to the Examiners. After testing, this form is for use by the Examiners when returning secure Special Test Forms Kits to the STC.

Directions

School Test Coordinators: After testing is completed, have each Examiner/Proctor read the following statements and sign the “Examiner’s/Proctor’s Affidavit.”

Examiner’s/Proctor’s Affidavit

- a. I administered the Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessment test according to the directions in the *Examiner’s Manual*.
- b. I kept all materials secure when in my possession.
- c. I did not conduct any inappropriate test preparation activities with students that would invalidate their performance or give them an advantage over other students.
- d. I did not alter students’ responses in any way.
- e. I have read the statements above and understand that I am certifying that they are true.

Examiners are to sign only AFTER reading
statements a–e above.

Examiner’s/Proctor’s Signature

NOTES TO STC:

- 1. At the close of administration, this completed page must be forwarded to your DDOT, where it will be kept on file.
- 2. This page may be photocopied.

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CLASSROOM TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENT FOR SPECIAL TEST FORMS KITS

*Before testing, this form is for use by the STC when distributing Special Test Forms Kits to the Examiners.
After testing, this form is for use by the Examiners when returning secure Special Test Forms Kits to the STC.*

DIVISION NAME: _____ SCHOOL NAME: _____ EXAMINER'S NAME: _____										
	Test Booklet	Regular Audio Kit	Audio Tape Only	Braille Kit	Large-Print Kit	Kits Received		Kits Returned		Comments
						Quantity Received	Examiners Initials ¹	Quantity Returned	STC's Initials ²	
End-of-Course	English: Reading 2002 Standards									
	English: Reading 1995 Standards									

¹ Before test administration ² After test administration

APPENDIX F

STANDARDS OF LEARNING (SOL) ASSESSMENTS 2007-2008

TEST IRREGULARITY FORM

The Test Irregularity Web Application System (TIWAS) will be implemented during the Fall 2007 SOL Non-Writing Test Administration. As directed by the STC, follow procedures for documenting and submitting test irregularities using the TIWAS. The STC may direct Examiners to use this form or parts of the form to document the test irregularity incident.

Division Name: _____

Irregularity Number: _____

Test Administration: _____ **Year:** _____

Created Date: _____ **By:** _____

☐ Regular ☐ Term Grad ☐ Exp Retake

Student Grade: _____

School Name: _____

Test Type: ☐ Regular ☐ Regular Audio

No. of Students: _____

☐ Large Print ☐ Braille

Test Session Name: _____

Test Mode: ☐ Paper ☐ Online

Test Level/Content Area/Subject		Form No. with Irregularity	Prompt No.	Assigned by TIWAS	
				Alternate Form No.	Prompt No.
FOR EXAMPLE: <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <u>Mathematics</u>		M3026			
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 _____					
CSH	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Virginia Studies</i> _____				
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>US History to 1877</i> _____				
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>US History: 1877 to the Present</i> _____				
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Civics & Economics</i> _____				
End-of-Course	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>English: Writing</i> _____				
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>English: Reading</i> _____				
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Math</i> _____				
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Science</i> _____				
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>History</i> _____				

Student Names and STIs (attach list of additional names and STIs):

1. _____ 2. _____

Description of Irregularity (PLEASE PRINT):

Submitted to DDOT: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Submitted to VDOE: ☐ YES ☐ NO

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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